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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicant(s): Thorsten Laux

Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A MERGING DRIVER
FOR ACCESSING MULTIPLE DATA SOURCES

Serial No.: 09/738,464 Filed: December 13, 2000

Examiner: Li B. Zhen Group Art 2126
Unit:

Docket No.: P-4589

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2004 in the above application:

1. Return receipt postcard;
2. This Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
3. Amendment (12 pages).

No additional claims fees are required.
 The additional claim fees have been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	- 4	= 0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00
First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$290)					0.00
				Total of above Calculation	\$0.00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)	1.0
				Subtotal	\$ 0.00
				Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)	0.00
				TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 26, 2005.

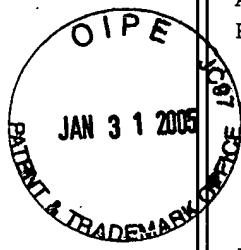

Attorney for Applicant(s)

January 26, 2005
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 27, 2004**,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
2. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.